

Remarks

Claims 23-34 are pending in the present application but rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double-patenting. In view of the present amendment and the remarks which follow, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

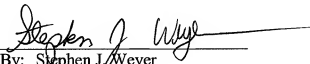
In the Office Action of April 30, 2009, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 23-34 on the grounds of non-statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,660,722 in view of Yvin et al. Without addressing the merits of this rejection, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the double patenting rejection has become moot and should be withdrawn.

Finally, by this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 23 to correct an obvious clerical error.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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